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REVAMPING OF DUTY FREE SHOPS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to revamp the duty free shops functioning at various international airports in the country;

(b) if so, the new features/items proposed to be added to these shops;

(c) the foreign exchange earned by these shops during the last two years;

(d) whether the Government expect to earn more foreign exchange after revamping of duty free shops; and

(e) if so, the extent thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) and (b): Yes, Sir. Duty Free Shops at major airports are proposed to berevamped/refurbished by making exclusive boutiques for popular items and making these shops customer friendly.

(c): The details of foreign exchange earned by Duty Free Shops during the last two years are given as under:-

2000-2001	: Rs.83.74 crores
2001-2002	: Rs.71.38 crores (Provisional)

(d) and (e) : Duty Free Shops are expected to earn foreign exchange of around Rs.100crores during 2002-2003. This will, however, depend upon the tourist traffic being normal.